



1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, John A. Logan was born February 9, 1826, in what  
3 is now Murphysboro, Illinois; raised in a home that was a  
4 center of political activity, he came to love politics at an  
5 early age; and

6 WHEREAS, In the 1850s, Mr. Logan began a political career  
7 that led from county clerk to U.S. Congressman; and

8 WHEREAS, At the onset of the Civil War, the formerly  
9 pro-Southern John Logan decided that "the Union must prevail";  
10 he fought at Bull Run as a civilian; he then returned home,  
11 where his speech at Marion put southern Illinois during the  
12 Civil War strongly in the Union camp; and

13 WHEREAS, He volunteered for the war and rose from colonel  
14 to major general; fighting in eight major campaigns, he  
15 distinguished himself at Vicksburg and commanded the entire  
16 Union forces at the Battle of Atlanta; at the war's end, he  
17 saved Raleigh, North Carolina, from being burned by angry Union  
18 troops; many historians consider him the premier volunteer  
19 general of the Civil War; and

20 WHEREAS, After the war, he returned to Congress; his  
21 concern for veterans led him to take part in Illinois' first  
22 organized veterans memorial services at Woodlawn Cemetery in  
23 Carbondale in 1866; in 1868, he helped found Memorial Day as a  
24 national holiday; and

25 WHEREAS, In 1871 and again in 1874, John Logan was elected  
26 to the U.S. Senate; throughout his political career, he was a  
27 strong advocate for public education; in 1884, he was James G.  
28 Blaine's vice-presidential running mate; therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
30 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
31 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the portion of Illinois Route 13  
32 lying between Murphysboro and the Kentucky border be designated  
33 the John A. Logan Highway; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
2           is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with  
3           State regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving notice  
4           of the name; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
6           delivered to the Mayor of Murphysboro, Illinois and to the  
7           Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation.